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SUBJ: POSSIBLE SALE OF AFGHAN GOVERNMENT SEIZED OPIUM

REF 75 KABUL 4107 AND PREVIOUS

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ABDUL SALAM,
PRESIDENT COMMERICAL DEPARTMENT, AFGHAN MINISTRY OF COMMERCE:

QUOTE AFTER COMPLIMENTS, WE WISH TO INFORM YOU THAT THE
CUSTOMS DEPARTMENT OF THE FINANCE MINISTRY HAS A 5 TON SUPPLY
OF CONFISCATED OPIUM READY FOR SALE. IN CONTINUATION
TO YOUR KIND ASSISTANCE, PLEASE INFORM MALINKRODT AND OTHER
COMPANIES THAT MAY WANT TO PURCHASE THE OPIUM. EXPECTING
TO RECEIVE THEIR OFFERS IN THIS RESPECT. THANK YOU IN ADVANCE
FOR YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS RESPECT. UNQUOTE.

2. DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO PASS ABOVE MESSAGE TO KENT,
MALINCKRODT CHEMICAL WORKS, ST LOUIS, MISSOURI. USDOC
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MAY MAKE OTHER DISTRIBUTION AS SUITABLE.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: MALLINKRODT RECENTLY COMPLETED PURCHASE OF
SUBSTANTIAL QUANTITY OF AFGHAN SEIZED OPIUM AFTER DIFFICULT
NEGOTIATIONS EXTENDING OVER ONE YEAR. WE HAVE NO CERTAINTY GOA
HAS IMPROVED ITS PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING SALES. THIS
QUANTITY OF SEIZED OPIUM CONFORMS WITH EMBASSY KNOWLEDGE
OF RECENT SEIZURES.

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